

## AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of treating a bacterial infection in a subject, comprising:  
providing a composition comprising a polypeptide, or a derivative or analogue thereof, comprising repeats of a peptide derived from a Heparan Sulphate Proteoglycan (HSPG) receptor binding region of an apolipoprotein, and a pharmaceutically acceptable vehicle, wherein the polypeptide comprises a tandem dimer repeat of: SEQ ID NO:1, SEQ ID NO:2, SEQ ID NO:96, or a derivative thereof wherein at least one amino acid residue, other than RKR motifs, is replaced by an Arginine (R), Tyrosine (Y), Methionine (M), Isoleucine (I), Phenylalanine (F), Tryptophan (W), or a derivative thereof; and  
administering said composition to said subject.
2. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the peptide is derived from a HSPG receptor binding region of apolipoprotein B or apolipoprotein E.
3. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the peptide is derived from an apolipoprotein B LDL receptor binding domain cluster B, or from an apolipoprotein E LDL receptor binding domain cluster B.
4. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the polypeptide comprises at least two RKR motifs.
5. (Cancelled)
6. (Currently Amended) The method of claim [[5]] 1, wherein the replaced or substituted residue is the first, second, third, seventh, eighth, ninth, tenth, eleventh, twelfth, sixteenth, seventeenth or eighteenth residue of the polypeptide.
7. (Currently Amended) The method of claim [[5]] 1, wherein the at least one amino acid substitution is a Phenylalanine (F) residue or a Tryptophan (W) residue, or a derivative thereof.

8. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the polypeptide has the formula:  
 $\{abcRKRxyz\} + \{a'b'c'RKRx'y'z'\}$  (formula I), and  
 wherein  
 a and a' are each independently selected from Arginine (R); Tyrosine (Y); Methionine (M); Isoleucine (I); Phenylalanine (F); Tryptophan (W); Leucine (L); Lysine (K); Histidine (H); or are deleted;  
 b and b' are each independently selected from Arginine (R); Tyrosine (Y); Methionine (M); Isoleucine (I); Phenylalanine (F); Tryptophan (W); Leucine (L); Lysine (K); or are deleted;  
 c and c' are each independently selected from Arginine (R); Tyrosine (Y); Methionine (M); Isoleucine (I); Phenylalanine (F); Tryptophan (W); Leucine (L); Lysine (K); Histidine (H); or Threonine (T); or are deleted;  
 x and x' are each independently selected from Arginine (R); Tyrosine (Y); Methionine (M); Isoleucine (I); Phenylalanine (F); Tryptophan (W); Leucine (L); Lysine (K); Histidine (H); or Glycine (G); or are deleted;  
 y and y' are each independently selected from Arginine (R); Tyrosine (Y); Methionine (M); Isoleucine (I); Phenylalanine (F); Tryptophan (W); Leucine (L); Lysine (K); Histidine (H); or are deleted;  
 z and z' are each independently selected from Arginine (R); Tyrosine (Y); Methionine (M); Isoleucine (I); Phenylalanine (F); Tryptophan (W); Leucine (L); Lysine (K); Histidine (H); or are deleted.
9. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 8, wherein the polypeptide comprises at least one additional amino acid, independently selected from Arginine (R); Tyrosine (Y); Methionine (M); Isoleucine (I); Phenylalanine (F); Tryptophan (W); Leucine (L); Lysine (K); Histidine (H), and which additional amino acid is added before the amino acid at position 'a' in the peptide of formula I at the N-terminal.
10. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the polypeptide comprises: a repeat of the peptide apoE<sub>141-149</sub> (~~SEQ ID NO: 1~~ SEQ ID NO: 1) or a truncation thereof, or a repeat of a variant of the peptide apoE<sub>141-149</sub> in which at least one Leucine (L) residue is

replaced by Tryptophan (W), Arginine (R), Lysine (K), Tyrosine (Y) or Phenylalanine (F).

11. (Currently Amended) A method of treating a bacterial infection in a subject, comprising:  
providing a composition comprising a polypeptide comprising a repeat of the peptide apoE<sub>141-149</sub> (~~SEQ ID NO:1~~ SEQ ID NO:1) or a truncation thereof, or a repeat of a variant of peptide apoE<sub>141-149</sub> in which at least one Leucine (L) residue is replaced by Tryptophan (W), Arginine (R), Lysine (K), Tyrosine (Y) or Phenylalanine (F); and administering said composition to said subject.
12. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 11, wherein the polypeptide comprises a repeat of apoE<sub>141-149</sub> (~~SEQ ID NO:1~~ SEQ ID NO:1) or a truncation thereof, characterised in that at least one Leucine (L) residue is replaced by a Tryptophan (W), or a Phenylalanine (F) residue.
13. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 11, wherein the tandem repeat comprises at least two substitutions independently selected from Tryptophan (W), Arginine (R), Lysine (K), Tyrosine (Y), or Phenylalanine (F) substitutions.
14. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the polypeptide comprises the amino acid sequence: LRKLRKRLLLRKLRKRL (~~SEQ ID NO:6~~ SEQ ID NO:6); WRKWRKRWWWRKWRKRWW (~~SEQ ID No.7~~ SEQ ID NO:7); WRKWRKRWRKWRKR (~~SEQ ID No.8~~ SEQ ID NO:8); WRKWRKRWWLRKLRKRL (~~SEQ ID No.9~~ SEQ ID NO:9); YRKYRKRYYYRKYRKRY (~~SEQ ID No.10~~ SEQ ID NO:10); LRKLRKRLRKLRKR (~~SEQ ID No.11~~ SEQ ID NO:11); LRKRLLRKLRKRL (~~SEQ ID No.3~~ SEQ ID NO:3); FRKFRKRFFRKRFRKRFF (~~SEQ ID No.48~~ SEQ ID NO:48); WRKWRKRWWWRKWRKRWW (~~SEQ ID NO.63~~ SEQ ID NO:63); WRKWRKRWRKWRKRW (~~SEQ ID NO.64~~ SEQ ID NO:64); WRKWRKRWWFRKWRKRWW (~~SEQ ID NO.65~~ SEQ ID NO:65); WRKWRKRFFWRKWRKRFF (~~SEQ ID NO.66~~ SEQ ID NO:66); WRKRWWWRKRWWWR (~~SEQ ID NO.67~~ SEQ ID NO:67); LRKLRKRLRLRKLRKRLR (~~SEQ ID NO.68~~ SEQ ID NO:68);



21. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 20, wherein the at least one amino acid residue has been replaced by a Tryptophan (W), Arginine (R) or Leucine (L) residue or derivative thereof.
22. (Withdrawn - Currently Amended) The method of claim 16, wherein the polypeptide has formula:
- $$\{abcRKRxyz\} + \{a'b'c'RKRx'y'z'\} \text{ (formula IV)}$$
- wherein
- a and a' are each independently selected from a positively charged residue, selected from either Arginine (R) or Lysine (K) or Histidine (H); Leucine (L); Tryptophan (W); or are deleted;
- b and b' are each independently selected from Leucine (L); Arginine (R); Lysine (K); or are ~~[[is]]~~ deleted;
- c and c' are each independently selected from Threonine (T); Tryptophan (W); or a positively charged residue, selected from Arginine (R) or Lysine (K) or Histidine (H);
- x and x' are each independently selected from Glycine (G); Tryptophan (W); Leucine (L); or a positively charged residue, selected from Arginine (R) or Lysine (K) or Histidine (H);
- y and y' are each independently selected from Leucine (L); a positively charged residue, selected from Arginine (R) or Lysine (K) or Histidine (H); or are deleted;
- z and z' are each independently selected from a positively charged residue, selected from Arginine (R) or Lysine (K) or Histidine (H); or Leucine; or ~~[[is]]~~ are deleted.
23. (Withdrawn-Currently Amended) The method of claim 16, wherein the polypeptide is: RTRKRGRTRKRGR (~~SEQ ID No. 13~~ SEQ ID NO:13); LRKRKRLLRKRKRL (~~SEQ ID No. 14~~ SEQ ID NO:14); LRKRKRLRKLKRKRLRK (~~SEQ ID No. 15~~ SEQ ID NO:15); WRWRKRWRKWRWRKRWRK (~~SEQ ID No. 16~~ SEQ ID NO:16); LLRKRLKRLLRKRLKRL (~~SEQ ID NO. 80~~ SEQ ID NO:80); RRWRKRWRKWRWRKRWRK (~~SEQ ID No. 83~~ SEQ ID NO:83); KRWRKRWRKWRWRKRWRK (~~SEQ ID No. 84~~ SEQ ID NO:84); LRWRKRWRKWRWRKRWRK (~~SEQ ID No. 85~~ SEQ ID NO:85);

HRWRKRWRKWRWRKRWRK (SEQ ID No. ~~86~~ SEQ ID NO:86);  
 RWRKRWRKWRWRKRWRK (SEQ ID No. ~~87~~ SEQ ID NO:87);  
 RRWRKRWRKRWRKRWRK (SEQ ID No. ~~88~~ SEQ ID NO:88);  
 LRWRKRWRKLRWRKRWRK (SEQ ID No. ~~89~~ SEQ ID NO:89);  
 HRWRKRWRKHRWRKRWRK (SEQ ID No. ~~90~~ SEQ ID NO:90);  
 RWRKRWRKWRKRWRK (SEQ ID No. ~~91~~ SEQ ID NO:91);  
 RWRKRGRKRWRKRGRK (SEQ ID No. ~~92~~ SEQ ID NO:92);  
 RWRKRWRKWRKRWRK (SEQ ID No. ~~93~~ SEQ ID NO:93);  
 RRGWKWRKRGWKW (SEQ ID No. ~~94~~ SEQ ID NO:94); or RLTRKRGRLTRKRG  
 (SEQ ID No. ~~95~~ SEQ ID NO:95).

24. (Withdrawn-Currently Amended) The method of claim 16, wherein the polypeptide has the sequence of RLTRKRGKRLTRKGLK (SEQ ID No. ~~12~~ SEQ ID NO:12).
25. (Cancelled)
26. (Cancelled)
27. (Cancelled)
28. (Cancelled).
29. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein said bacterial infection is a *Staphylococcus Pseudomonadales* or *Streptococci* infection.
30. (Cancelled)
31. (Withdrawn - Currently Amended) A method of preventing reducing the likelihood of and/or treating a bacterial contamination comprising:
 

providing a composition comprising a polypeptide, or a derivative or analogue thereof, comprising repeats of a peptide derived from a Heparan Sulphate Proteoglycan (HSPG) receptor binding region of an apolipoprotein, and a pharmaceutically acceptable vehicle, wherein the polypeptide comprises a tandem dimer repeat of: SEQ ID No:1, SEQ ID No:2, SEQ ID No:96, or a derivative thereof wherein at least one amino acid residue,

other than RKR motifs, is replaced by an Arginine (R), Tyrosine (Y), Methionine (M), Isoleucine (I), Phenylalanine (F), Tryptophan (W), or a derivative thereof; and

coating an object or a surface in need thereof with an amount of said composition in an amount effective for killing or preventing growth of bacteria.

32. (Withdrawn - Currently Amended) The method according to claim 31 wherein said object is [[is]] selected from the group consisting of medical devices, lenses, contact lenses, catheters, stents, wound healing dressings, contraceptives, surgical implants and replacement joints.
33. (Withdrawn) The method according to claim 31 wherein said surface is selected from the group consisting of hospital ward surfaces, operating theatre surfaces, kitchen surfaces and sanitary surfaces.
34. (Cancelled)
35. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 11, wherein the polypeptide comprises the amino acid sequence: LRKLRKRLLLRKLRKRL (SEQ ID NO: 6 SEQ ID NO:6);  
WRKWRKRWWRKWRKRWW (SEQ ID NO: 7 SEQ ID NO:7);  
WRKWRKRWRKWRKR (SEQ ID NO: 8 SEQ ID NO:8);  
WRKWRKRWWLRKLRKRL (SEQ ID NO: 9 SEQ ID NO:9);  
YRKYRKRYYYRKYRKRY (SEQ ID NO: 10 SEQ ID NO:10);  
LRKLRKRLRKLRKR (SEQ ID NO: 11 SEQ ID NO:11); LRKRLLRKLRKRL (SEQ ID NO: 12 SEQ ID NO:12);  
FRKFRKRFFFRKFRKRFF (SEQ ID NO: 48 SEQ ID NO:48);  
WRKWRKRWWRKWRKRWW (SEQ ID NO: 63 SEQ ID NO:63);  
WRKWRKRWRKWRKRW (SEQ ID NO: 64 SEQ ID NO:64);  
WRKWRKRWWFRKWRKRWW (SEQ ID NO: 65 SEQ ID NO:65);  
WRKWRKRFFWRKWRKRFF (SEQ ID NO: 66 SEQ ID NO:66);  
WRKRWWRWKRWWR (SEQ ID NO: 67 SEQ ID NO:67);  
LRKLRKRLRLRKLRKRLR (SEQ ID NO: 68 SEQ ID NO:68);  
WRKWRKRWWRKWRKRWW (SEQ ID NO: 69 SEQ ID NO:69);  
LRKLRKRLLRKWRKRWW (SEQ ID NO: 70 SEQ ID NO:70);  
LRKLRKRLLRKLRKRWW (SEQ ID NO: 71 SEQ ID NO:71);

LRKLRKRLLWRKWRKRLL (~~SEQ ID NO: 72~~ SEQ ID NO:72);  
WRKWRKRLLLRKLRKRLL (~~SEQ ID NO: 73~~ SEQ ID NO:73);  
WRKLRKRLLLRKLRKRLL (~~SEQ ID NO: 74~~ SEQ ID NO:74);  
WRKWRKFFFRKWRKRWW (~~SEQ ID NO: 75~~ SEQ ID NO:75); or  
WRKWRKRWWFRKFRKRFF (~~SEQ ID NO: 76~~ SEQ ID NO:76).

36. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 16, wherein the polypeptide is derived from an apolipoprotein B LDL receptor binding domain cluster B.
37. (Cancelled)
38. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 11, wherein said bacterial infection is a *Staphylococcus Pseudomonadales* or *Streptococci* infection.
39. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 16, wherein said bacterial infection is a *Staphylococcus Pseudomonadales* or *Streptococci* infection.
40. (Cancelled)